Extension of Train

5044. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to extend Hazrat Nizamuddin-Gwalior Taj Express upto New Delhi Railway Station as per the earlier schedule;

(b) whether the Government also propose to re-introduce the catering services in the Taj Express; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Extension of Taj Express upto New Delhi is presently not feasible due to non-availability of spare terminal/maintenance facilities at New Delhi station.

As per extant policy pantry cars are provided in order of priority on selected long distance Mail/Express trains keeping in view the timings, stoppages, adequacy of catering services from static units enroute, etc. subject to availability of pantry cars and maximum permissible load of the train.

[Translation]

Dropping of Transmitters

5045. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an unidentified aeroplane dropped nine bags containing the foreign transmitters near the Jafflaun Railway Station in July, 1996;

(b the contents of the arms and goods found in the bags;

(c) whether the vigilence branch of the Central Government had any prior information of the movement of the aeroplane; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (d) The facts are being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Superfast Train Engines

5046. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Superfast long distance trains of the Central Railway run with the help of goods train engines;

(b if so, whether there is a dearth of Superfast train engines;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to procure adequate Superfast train engines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. Goods train locomotives are however deployed, occasionally as a distress measure, whenever the locomotive of a superfast train fails in the section.

(b) No, Sir. There is no dearth of locomotives fit for working superfast trains.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Seeds of Pulses

5047. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the assistance provided by the Union Government to State Governments in the form of quality seeds of pulses during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): A statement is enclosed.

Allocation of funds made under N.P.D.P. for Seed Component

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	State/U.T.	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	77.00	56.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.50	2.50
3.	Assam	10.00	8.00
4.	Bihar	108.00	85.00
5.	Goa	2.00	2.50
6.	Gujarat	62.00	54.00
7.	Haryana	54.00	22.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	9.00	11.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	6.00	20.00
10.	Karnataka	82.00	25.00